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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
NIGERIA

IPF:(1987-91) $ 34 278 000

(NIR/90/009) - Programme and Management Support (Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	20 February 1991
Expected duration:	24 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (FMFED)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 391 800 Source of funds: IPF
Previous UNDP contribution:	$ 661 700
Total UNDP budget:	$ 1 053 500

Project background

The Government of Nigeria's recognition of the need for improved aid co-ordination and for better management of external aid resources has led to a request for UNDP assistance in managing not only UNDP technical assistance but in building the required framework through NaTCAP, MDP, seminars and workshops for increased technical assistance absorption and aid management. Its strategy is to increase, harness and utilize opportunities provided by TA projects to bridge the financial, technological and other gaps it has been experiencing for some time. Thus, to be effective, the Government proposes to increase its capability to co-ordinate, to manage and to utilize these sources of assistance.

In order to utilize external aid more effectively, the Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (FMFED) has established co-ordinating units for groupings of donors such as EEC, the World Bank, etc. As part of the FMFED arrangements for managing and co-ordinating UN assistance, a special unit has been set up to co-ordinate NaTCAP, MDP and TCDC activities. The Government has requested all donors to facilitate the establishment of such units as a means of strengthening its capacity to co-ordinate and manage TA projects.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen the Government's capacity to better manage and co-ordinate a rapidly expanding UNDP/TA Programme and to assist the Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (FMFED) to put in place a number of decisions and recommendations adopted in the Mid-Term Review of May 1990 of the Third UNDP Country Programme; (b) initiate and support a comprehensive training programme for Government officials at the Federal, State and Local Government Authorities' levels of which workshops/seminars are the initial elements; (c) plan the organization of a series of public awareness workshops to be conducted in four zonal centres considered particularly important in sensitizing senior Government officials and co-operating private sector organizations on the Technical Co-operation Programme, UNDP project identification, formulation, implementation and monitoring policies and procedures as well as educating them on the policy and principles of the National Project Execution modality; and (d) sustain the training process thus initiated throughout its duration to upgrade the Government officials' knowhow pertaining to external aid management and co-ordination.

The additional national capacity will support FMFED programme management activities in areas of NaTCAP, MDP and TCDC exercises, programming missions and preparatory work of the Government concerning the Fourth UNDP/Nigeria Country Programme, which was initiated in September 1990.

Inputs

UNDP will provide international consultants (12 man-months), national consultants (40 man-months), 24 man-months of UNV services in documentation; six support personnel (24 man-months each); local public awareness workshops/seminars on the following themes: UNDP Technical Co-operation and National Project Execution (in four zonal centres - Abeokuta, Jos, Kaduna and Port Harcourt), Women in Development (Lagos), General Technical Assistance Principles and Management (Lagos) and Private Sector Participation in Development (Lagos); equipment including one personal computer one photocopier, typewriters and two vehicles; non-expendable equipment, airconditioners, office furniture a 85 KVA standby generator and PBX telephone equipment; rental of office premises; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	16 000
Subcontract	-
Training	240 300
Equipment	96 300
Miscellaneous	39 200
Total	391 800

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